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SUBJECT: JOINT STATEMENT OF US-ISRAELI JOINT COMMITTEE

1. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE US-ISRAEL JOINT COMMITTEE FOR INVESTMENT AND TRADE CONCLUDED TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 13, WITH ISSUANCE OF JOINT STATEMENT WHICH WILL BE SENT ADDRESSEE POSTS.
2. OF POSSIBLE CONCERN TO HOST GOVERNMENTS WILL BE FOLLOWING REFERENCE IN JOINT STATEMENT TO ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL: QUOTE: THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE REAFFIRMED THE POLICIES OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO OPPOSE RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES OR BOYCOTTS AGAINST COUNTRIES FRIENDLY TO EITHER. THE U.S. SIDE NOTED PRESIDENT FORD'S FEBRUARY 26 STATEMENT THAT RELIGIOUS OR ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION IS TOTALLY CONTRARY TO THE AMERICAN TRADITION AND HAS NO PLACE IN THE FREE COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES. UNQUOTE.
3. AS YOU CONSIDER NECESSARY, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL THAT FOREGOING LANGUAGE IS RESTATEMENT OF US POLICY AS SET FORTH IN THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1969. FYI. ISRAELIS HAVE PRESSED HARD FOR INCLUDING MORE SWEEPING BOYCOTT LANGUAGE IN JOINT STATEMENT. SUBJECT IS ALSO AN ISSUE OF CONSIDERABLE CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN IN US. PUBLICITY OVER US REFUSAL EVEN TO RESTATE ITS PRESENT POLICY WOULD HAVE PROVOKED UNNECESSARY DISCUSSION WHICH COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN UNHELPFUL AND WOULD HAVE DIVERTED ATTENTION FROM WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO MOVE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD. END FYI.
4. FOR JIDDA: WE APPRECIATE FACT THAT SAG PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO RECENT PUBLICITY IN PRESS CONSTRUING ARAB BOYCOTT AS EVIDENCE OF ARAB ANTI-SEMITISM AND PARTICULARLY ATTACKS AGAINST SAUDI VISA POLICY TOWARD JEWS IN STATEMENTS
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BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. AMBASSADOR AKINS MAY DRAW ON ABOVE AS NECESSARY, SAYING WE UNDERSTAND SAG SEES BOYCOTT AS ONE ASPECT OF OVERALL ME CONFLICT. HE SHOULD REASSURE SAG THAT US FULLY APPRECIATES CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE ROLE SAG IS PLAYING IN ME PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO SAG FOR HELP IN OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS.

5. IN GENERAL TERMS, JOINT STATEMENT ANNOUNCES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN BOTH SIDES ON NUMEROUS ITEMS TO PROMOTE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH ISRAEL. MOST ARRANGEMENTS ANNOUNCED ALSO WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO OTHER COUNTRIES. THE MORE IMPORTANT ITEMS OF AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL INCLUDE: (A) TREATY TO AVOID DOUBLE TAXATION, (B) AGREEMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE LONG DELAYED (SINCE 1969) JOINT DESALTING PROJECT WITH US CONTRIBUTION OF UP TO DOLS 20 MILLION, (C) BEGINNING OF NEGOTIATIONS TO CREATE A MECHANISM TO ASSIST (HELP FINANCE) COOPERATION IN INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH, (D) ISRAEL'S ELIGIBILITY FOR AID FINANCED OFFSHORE PROCUREMENT (WHICH IS ALSO ENJOYED BY EGYPT AND MOROCCO), AND (E) AGREEMENT TO SELL TO ISRAEL COMMODITIES FROM US EXCESS STOCKPILES. YOU MAY THEREFORE ASSURE HOST AUTHORITIES OF NON-SPECTACULAR NATURE OF RESULTS PLANNED FOR JOINT COMMITTEE SESSION.

6. YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT MAKE SPECIAL APPROACH ON THIS SUBJECT, WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN HIGHLIGHTING IT. WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR JUDGMENT TO DRAW ON ABOVE AS YOU SEE NECESSARY. INGERSOLL

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